

## **SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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**Project Applicant:** Union Pacific Railroad – Steve Cheney

**Applicant's Agent:** Arcadis – Doug Anderson

**Project Name:** Coast Subdivision Mile Post 235.59 Bridge Replacement Project

**Receiving Water:** Santa Margarita Creek and unnamed tributary

**City/County:** South of Santa Margarita / San Luis Obispo

**Public Notice:** February 24, 2020 – March 16, 2020

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace an aging bridge with three new culverts beneath the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The proposed project activities include:

- Replacing the existing three span, 18-foot long timber stringer trestle ballast deck bridge with a structure that includes three 72-foot long, 60-inch diameter smooth steel pipes;
- Accessing the site using existing dirt access roads;
- Placing staging areas outside the ordinary high water mark;
- Clearing vegetation in staging areas, including willows and poison hemlock;
- Removing existing bents to make room for the culverts;
- Placing the culverts two and a half feet apart;
- Placing well-compacted bedding below and around the culverts;
- Placing Class II riprap at a 2:1 slope along the stream bed; and
- Relocating and burring existing fiber-optic cables in an above ground pipe crossing Santa Margarita Creek west of the tracks.

No mitigation is proposed. Union Pacific Railroad has requested that the Central Coast Water Board be the lead agency in filing for CEQA.